

I think that the merging of media companies is highly irresponsible. The quality of information and diversity that every community should have from different media sources would be comprimised. There is no good reason to have cross-ownership except so that the corporate big-wigs can make more money at the expense of the quality of information of the people. With one company owning TV and newspapers in the same market, the people will only get the same homogonized, propagandist "news" and not the truth. For the sake of journalistic integrity, I urge you to NOT support the ban on cross-ownership.

I have already turned away from mass media and only listen to alternative and community based media such as NPR and other local sources because I distrust the large media's "news". Removing the ban on cross-ownership will only encourage more people to do the same in an attempt to find diversity and truth in news reporting.

Sincerely,

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